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NASA Visitor Center March Special Events

The NASA Visitor Center will open for the season on March 4, 1999. In addition to special programs scheduled during the month, the Visitor Center conducts tours of NASA's Wallops Flight Facility for school and civic groups.

March 6: "Model Rocket Launch"

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

Saturdays and Sundays: "Puppets in Space"

"Puppets in Space", a 10-minute puppet show, will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey will explore space flight, including the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmiles" follows the puppet show.

Daily: "Space Ace"

Children ages 5 to 10 can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their Visitor Center experience by completing an activity sheet.

Sundays: "Humans in Space"

"Humans in space" is the subject of a 1 p.m. program for children of all ages. The 30-minute program looks at living and working in space, including a review of the astronauts' culinary delights and their wardrobe. The program is followed by a hands-on children's activity during which children have the opportunity to create their own "space helmet."

The Visitor Center is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Admission to Visitor Center Programs is free. For further information or to schedule a tour, call (757) 824-2298.

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